



MINUTES

SUNNYVALE SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION November 18, 2013

The Sustainability Commission met in regular session in the West Conference Room at 7:00 p.m. with Chair Harrison presiding.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Commission Members Present:

Commission Chair Sue Harrison
Commissioner Barbara Fukumoto
Commissioner Bruce Paton
Commissioner Gerry Glaser
Commissioner Dan Hafeman (7:03)
Commissioner Petya Kisyova
Commission Vice Chair Amit Srivastava

Council Liaison: Councilmember David Whittum (Absent)

Staff Present: John Stuffelbean, Environmental Services Director
Manuel Pineda, Assistant Director of Public Works/City Engineer
Elaine Marshall, Environmental Programs Manager
Dustin Clark, Sustainability Coordinator

SCHEDULED PRESENTATION

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Harrison opened the public hearing to public announcements.

There were no comments.

Chair Harrison closed the public hearing.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1.A. Approval of the draft minutes of Sustainability Commission meeting of October 21, 2013.

Commissioner Glaser moved and Commissioner Fukumoto seconded a motion to approve the minutes for the meeting of October 21, 2013.

VOTE: 7-0 (Vote was unanimous)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chair Harrison opened the public hearing to public announcements.

Sunnyvale resident and BPAC Commissioner, Kevin Jackson, addressed the Commission encouraging them to support and recommend to Council a Resolution of Support for the Safe Routes To School Program.

Mr. Jackson commented on the process and ability to access Commission materials beyond the posted agenda and expressed concern that some of the materials provided to Commissioners are difficult for residents to obtain.

Chair Harrison closed the public hearing.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Discussion and Possible Action: Ranking of Study Issues

The Commission was presented with 12 study issues for ranking. Staff provided a brief summary of the study issues and answered questions.

Chair Harrison opened the public hearing to public comments.

Sunnyvale resident and BPAC Commissioner, Kevin Jackson, commented on study issue DPW 14-04 regarding Car Sharing. Mr. Jackson commented that he views Car Sharing as one of the most effective, transformative ways to reduce vehicle miles traveled. Mr. Jackson commented that young people like it, Sunnyvale should be at the forefront and not dragging behind and that joint sponsorship sends a very strong message to Council.

Chair Harrison closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Hafeman made a motion to drop study issue FIN 14-02 Creation of Annualized Water Usage Pricing Tiers. Commissioner Paton seconded the motion.

VOTE: 7-0 (Vote was unanimous)

Commissioner Harrison made a motion to drop study issue ESD 14-03 Alternative Flood Plain Designation. Commissioner Glaser seconded the motion.

VOTE: 7-0 (Vote was unanimous)

Commissioner Paton made a motion to drop study issue DPW 14-01 Environmental Sustainability in Sunnyvale's Parks and Open Space. Commissioner Hafeman seconded the motion.

VOTE: 7-0 (Vote was unanimous)

Commissioner Harrison made a motion to drop study issue DPW 14-07 Preservation of the Urban Canopy. Commissioner Fukumoto seconded the motion.

VOTE: 4-2-1 (Motion carries; Commissioners Hafeman and Srivastava dissented; Commissioner Glaser abstained)

Commissioner Hafeman made a motion to drop study issue FIN 14-01 Financing for Energy-Efficiency, Renewable-Energy and Water-Efficiency Improvements on Commercial Properties. Commissioner Paton seconded the motion.

VOTE: 2-4-1 (Motion fails; Commissioners Harrison, Fukumoto, Glaser and Paton dissented; Commissioner Srivastava abstained)

The results of the ranking produced a tie between study issues ESD 14-04 Full Cost-Analysis and Carbon Pricing in City Operations and ESD 12-03 Impact of Sea Level Rise on Land Use.

By a simple hand vote ESD 14-04 was ranked second and ESD 12-03 ranked third by a margin of 4 votes to 3 votes.

Study Issue #	Title of Study Issue	Origin of Issue (Council, GP, staff, public or B/C)	Fukumoto	Glaser	Hafeman	Paton	Kisyova	Srivastava	Harrison	Total	Study Issue Rank
ESD 14-02	Community Choice Aggregation	Sustainability Commission	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7	1
ESD 14-04	Full Cost-Analysis and Carbon Pricing in City Operations	Sustainability Commission	4	2	2	3	2	2	4	19	2
ESD 12-03	Impact of Sea Level Rise on Land Use	Sustainability Commission	2	3	4	2	3	3	2	19	3
FIN 14-01	Financing for Energy-Efficiency, Renewable-Energy and Water-Efficiency Improvements on Commercial Properties	Sustainability Commission	3	4	3	4	8	8	3	33	4
DPW 14-04	Consideration of Policies and Actions to Support Car Sharing	BPAC/Sustainability Commission	5	6	7	7	4	4	5	38	5
DPW 14-05	Implementation of a Bike Share Program	BPAC	7	8	6	5	5	5	6	42	6
ESD 14-01	Ban on the Use of Gas-Powered Leaf Blowers	Sustainability Commission	6	5	5	6	7	7	7	43	7
DPW 14-09	Reduction of Excessive Lighting in the Downtown Area	Sustainability Commission	8	7	8	8	6	6	8	51	8
DPW 14-01	Environmental Sustainability in Sunnyvale's Parks and Open Space	Parks and Recreation Commission	DROP								
DPW 14-07	Preservation of the Urban Canopy.	Sustainability Commission	DROP								
ESD 14-03	Alternative Flood Plain Designation	Sustainability Commission	DROP								
FIN 14-02	Creation of Annualized Water Usage Pricing Tier	Sustainability Commission	DROP								

- Discussion and Possible Action: Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change: Climate Change Assessment Report 2013

Item deferred to next meeting.

- Discussion and Possible Action: Community Condition Indicators

Chair Harrison opened the public hearing to public comments.

There were no comments.

Chair Harrison closed the public hearing.

No action was taken.

4. Discussion and Possible Action: Georgetown University Energy Prize

At the October Sustainability Commission meeting staff offered to do a review of the level of effort involved with participating in the GUEP and report back to the Commission. Staff provided the Commission with information regarding participation in the GUEP.

Commissioner Fukumoto commented that this represents an existing program available right when the City needs it, focusing on energy efficiency which is low hanging fruit, support is provided and municipal operations can be included in the effort.

Commissioner Paton made a motion to recommend to Council that the City participate in the Georgetown University Energy Prize, including periodic updates and input from the Sustainability Commission. Commissioner Fukumoto seconded the motion.

VOTE: 7-0 (Vote was unanimous)

NON-AGENDA ITEMS AND COMMENTS

Commissioner Oral Comments

Staff Comments

Assistant Director of Public Works, Manuel Pineda provided information to the Commission in regard to a Public Works study looking at alternative uses for the landfill. The study was recently presented to the Parks and Recreation Commission and Mr. Pineda inquired whether the Sustainability Commission had interest in holding a special meeting to provide comments on the proposal.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Reviewed by: John Stufflebean, Director of Environmental Services
Melody Tovar, Regulatory Programs Division Manager